

BID FAR BELOW PUTNAM'S SONS

Striking Evidence as to
Book Prices Before
the Committee.

LOCAL WITNESSES ARE EXAMINED

Inquiry Will Probably End To-
Day, with Superintendent Eg-
gleston as Chief Witness.
Senator Strode Absent.
One Brief Col-
loquy.

SOME DIFFERENCES IN PRICES OF BOOKS

Figures brought out during school-
book inquiry yesterday. Company un-
derbid Putnam's, from whom Librarian
Kennedy made purchases:

	Educational Putnam, Pub. Co.
Pierpont's Among the Farm Yard People	85 75
Pierpont's Among the Forest People	85 75
Pierpont's Among the Night People	85 75
Pierpont's Door Yard Stories	1.08 .90
Greenleaf's Stories and Tales from Animal Life	.54 .30
Chase's Stories from Bird Land	.40 .24
Reddick's Bright Boys	.68 .38
Howard's Pathfind- ers	.45 .30
Kelly's Leaves from Nature	.54 .30

Another strenuous day in the book
inquiry ended with an adjournment of
the committee at 5 o'clock in the after-
noon and a decision to meet again at
10 o'clock this morning.

The proceedings yesterday were
varied and full of life and interest.
They opened with a statement by Li-
brarian Kennedy, withdrawing all he
had said on the previous day of a
demagogic nature concerning other
witnesses, and this language was at
his request taken from the record.
Delegate Cox, of the committee, fol-
lowed with a warm protest against the
language of the affidavit of Irving Put-
nam concerning his alleged offer to
Mr. Kennedy of a certain sum to write
a history of Virginia, and this paper
was made a part of the record. But
perhaps the feature of the day was
the testimony, documentary and oral,
concerning the prices paid Putnam by
Mr. Kennedy for books for the travel-
ing libraries.

This was interesting from start to
finish, and attracted marked attention.
The committee, after the inquiry was
started, sent the Educational Publishing
Company, of New York, a list of the
titles purchased from Putnam, and asked
them to bid upon the books. The bid
was sent in in due form, having been
made with the view of getting a contract,
the concern not knowing the books had
already been purchased.

Bid Produced.

This bid was produced yesterday, and
Mr. Joseph Smith, vice-president, and
manager of the company, was put on the
stand to verify the figures and to make
the comparisons. The discrepancies
shown were almost alarming in their
width and result. Mr. Smith took
what is known as the list price in one
column, the prices charged by Putnam
in another, and those of his bid in a
third, and in an overwhelming majority
of cases he had fallen far below the
prices charged by Putnam.

The point was raised by Mr. Kennedy
that the books compared may have been
of different editions, but Mr. Smith
said, as far as he had been able to
ascertain, the editions were the same.
They were correct for all practical pur-
poses.

As to the Editions.

Messrs. Smith and Kennedy wrangled
for some time over the tables and the
best method of arriving at what were
the editions on which prices were
quoted. The two houses, but the
former stuck out that in most cases
they were the same. Messrs. Crump
and Norvell, of the Johnson Publishing
Company, testified that Mr. Kennedy
had talked with them about writing a
history of Virginia, and asked if they
would undertake its publication.

They both said the Librarian had in-
dicated that he would wish an advance
of funds to get the work started if he
should undertake it. The latter said he
spoke to Mr. Kennedy of the probable
difficulty of getting his understanding of
the Virginia list in case of a single
list adoption next time, and that the
latter brushed this aside by saying that
he had enough influence with the State
Board of Education to get any book on
the list he might desire.

One Little Brush.

Messrs. Byrd and Cox examined
Mr. Kennedy rigidly about the relative
cost of books here and in New York,
but they never could make him say that
they could be gotten more cheaply here
than in New York, except in certain
cases, which did not frequently occur.
There was a brief colloquy between
Chairman Byrd and Mr. Meredith, but
it seemed to be the general idea that
it arose out of a misunderstanding of
the situation at the point where it
occurred. It passed off, and is prob-
ably now forgotten.

Senator Strode was absent from the
session yesterday, having been called
to Amherst on an important legal
matter.

The chief witness to-day will be
Superintendent Joseph D. Eggleston.

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FOSTER OUT AND LONG FIGHT ENDS

The Late Superintendent
Beaten in All Courts
and is Also Fined.

HAS FORMED NO PLAN FOR FUTURE

Home in Gloucester Recently
Burned Down, and Will Have
to Seek Other Residence.
Orders Issued Yesterday
by Supreme Court
of Appeals.

"There is nothing whatever for me
to say except that justice, like truth,
though crushed to earth, will rise
again," Dr. L. S. Foster, late Super-
intendent of Eastern State Hospital.

Thwarted at every turn, beaten in all
the courts, Dr. L. S. Foster, former Super-
intendent of the Eastern State Hospital,
at Williamsburg, has been forced to aban-
don his efforts to prevent his removal
from office by the General Board of Di-
rectors of State Hospitals. This ends,
so far as now known or intimated, the
celebrated hospital case. It has engaged
the attention of the General Assembly,
of a special joint committee named there-
by, of the special hospital board, the
General Hospital Board, the Circuit
Court of the city of Williamsburg and
Richmond, for a period of one year. In
some form or another, the case has been
more or less acute during all that time.
Hundreds of columns of newspaper
space have been devoted to it in its
various phases, and some remarkable
legal conditions have been disclosed.

Events of Yesterday.

The case became a closed incident
yesterday when the Supreme Court of
Appeals delivered an opinion declar-
ing that a writ of prohibition should
issue prohibiting the Hon. D. Gardiner
Tyler, of the Circuit Court of the city
of Williamsburg, from further pro-
ceeding in the matter under consid-
eration, and requiring the respondent,
Dr. L. S. Foster, to pay the costs of
the petitioners, the General Hospital
Board.

About the same time that this
opinion was handed down, Dr. Foster
and his attorney, Colonel Joseph T.
Lawless, were in the City Circuit
Court in response to a rule against
them for contempt.

A little later, Judge Scott adjudge
Dr. Foster guilty of contempt of court,
and imposed a fine of \$25, but discharged
Colonel Lawless, he having purged him-
self of contempt by his appearance and
answer to the rule.

Thus briefly is summarized the pro-
ceedings yesterday, as a result of which
the famous case is disposed of. It is
not absolutely ended yet, so far as the
contempt proceeding is concerned, Dr.
Foster's attorneys will make ap-
plication to the Supreme Court of Ap-
peals or to one of the judges thereof
for a writ of error, with a view to bring-
ing the contempt proceeding before the
appellate court for review.

Dr. Foster, Colonel Lawless and Hon.
John L. Jeffries all left the city on the
same train, the eastbound Chesapeake
and Ohio, at 4 P. M. yesterday, Dr. Foster
for Williamsburg, his home, and his
attorneys for Norfolk. Before they left
the city Dr. Foster made the statement
above quoted in answer to an inquiry
as to whether he desired to say any-
thing for publication. He further stated
that the proceeding before the appellate
court was merely a review of the legal
questions involved, and that the court
did not undertake to pass upon the mer-
its of the Eastern State Hospital affair
and the action of the general board. Dr.
Foster will be allowed until March 1st
to vacate the superintendent's residence
at the hospital and to remove his effects
therefrom. He stated privately that he
had no home, his former residence in
Gloucester having been burned, and that
he would have to determine later where
he would reside.

Colonel Lawless was asked whether
the attorneys for Dr. Foster would en-
deavor to raise a Federal question and
carry the litigation into the Federal
courts. He replied that he believed
that would be done, and that such a
question could be raised, but that no
such step had been determined upon.
His associate, the senior member of
the firm, Hon. John L. Jeffries, stated
at a moment later that no effort would
be made to take the case up, and that
it was ended. Inquiry developed the
fact that, if the counsel for the ex-
superintendent raised any question of
violation of the Federal Constitution,
application could be made to the Su-
preme Court for a writ of error to the
order of the Appellate Court in this
State, and that, in the event of its
refusal, the application might be
made directly, and as a matter of
right, to the United States Supreme
Court.

The record of the entire proceeding
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YOUNG MAN HURT IN UNUSUAL MANNER

Falls Between Engine and Tender
and Leg is Almost
Crushed Off.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 7.—
Alonso Williamson, a fireman on the
Durham branch of the Norfolk and
Western, was the victim of an unusual
accident last night a short distance
below Lynchburg. He was on the
rear engine in a train that was being
drawn by three locomotives. The
engine and tender were pulled apart,
Williamson falling between the two,
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WOMAN WHO GIVES UP MORE THAN LIFE TO SAVE THE MAN SHE LOVES



Mrs. Harry K. Thaw, wife of Harry Kendall Thaw, who is being tried for the killing of Stanford White, the New York architect.

\$32,000,000 FOR EDUCATION WORK

John D. Rockefeller Gives This
Immense Sum to the General
Education Board.

GIFT CAME AS A SURPRISE

Mr. Rockefeller Has Now Given
\$43,000,000 to Carry on
This Work.

NEW YORK, February 7.—Announce-
ment was made late to-day that John
D. Rockefeller has given the General
Education Board \$32,000,000. He had pre-
viously given the board \$11,000,000. The
gift is intended to assist in the work of
the board throughout the country. The
Education Board is designed to help ed-
ucational institutions.

The gift is in the form of \$32,000,000
worth of income-bearing securities, the
largest single prize ever handed out for
educational purposes. Mr. Rockefeller's
contributions to the work now amounts
to \$43,000,000. The General Education
Board apparently was not prepared for
this gift, which was announced simply
in this letter:

Surprise Letter.

"New York, February 6, 1907.
"General Education Board, 54 William
Street, New York.

"Gentlemen:—My father authorizes me
to say that on or before April 1, 1907,
he will give to the general board income
bearing securities, the present market
value of which is about \$32,000,000, one-
third to be added to the permanent en-
dowment of the board, two-thirds to be
applied to such specific objects within the
corporate purposes of the board as either
he or I may, from time to time, direct,
any remainder not so designated at the
death of the survivor, to be added also to
the permanent endowment of the board.
"Very truly,
"John D. Rockefeller, Jr."

Enormous Gift.

Most of the members of the board were
surprised at the announcement and
amazed at the size of the gift. Dr. But-
terick, the secretary, said he did not
know the gift was to be made until he
received the letter. Other members did
not know of the donation until the letter
was read.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., acting for his
father, appeared shortly after the meet-
ing was called to order, and handed the
letter to the secretary, Dr. Wallace But-
terick.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., remained
throughout the session of the board,
which was called to order, and handed the
letter to the secretary, Dr. Wallace But-
terick. He replied he did not believe he
would then have developed into slush,
and probably have entirely disappeared.
The superintendent desires to remove
the snow before the thaw sets in.

COHN UNABLE TO GET USE OF CARTS

Another Instance of Lack of Co-
operation Among Departments
of City Government.

STREETS FILLED WITH SNOW

Special Meeting of Council Com-
mittee Called to Consider
Matter.

Another instance of the lack of co-
operation among the departments of the
city government will be brought to the
attention of a special meeting of the
Council Committee on Streets, which has
been called by Chairman W. H. Adams
for the special purpose of considering it.
It is the result of the unsuccessful ef-
forts of Superintendent of Street Clean-
ing Henry J. Cohn to secure the use of
the carts belonging to the Street De-
partment for the purpose of removing
the snow from the streets.

Superintendent Cohn made applica-
tion to the City Engineer for the use
of some of the carts of the street de-
partment, but Colonel Cushman wrote
in reply that he had no authority in
the matter, the carts being under the
control of the Street Committee, which
meets on February 16th. Mr. Cohn's
application for the use of the carts was
made under the authority of an
ordinance approved March 21, 1905, en-
titled "an ordinance to require the
Committee on Streets to prescribe rules
and regulations under which the hands
and carts belonging to the street de-
partment may be placed under the con-
trol of the Street Cleaning Depart-
ment to aid in the removal of
ordure as follows:

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of Richmond—

1. That it shall be the duty of the
Committee on Streets to adopt rules
and regulations whereby the hands
and carts belonging to the Street
Department may be employed when
needed to aid in the removal of snow
from the streets of the city of Rich-
mond.

2. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

If the Street Cleaning Department
waited until the regular meeting of the
Street Committee, on February 16th, to
secure the carts, it would probably be
too late to do any good, as the snow
would then have developed into slush,
and probably have entirely disappeared.
The superintendent desires to remove
the snow before the thaw sets in.

EX-GOV. MONTAGUE TO GET FAT PLACE

President to Appoint Him to
Board of Custom-House
Appraisers.

SALARY IS \$7,000 A YEAR

Ex-Governor Says He Has No
Knowledge of Any Such
Appointment.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 7.—
It is reported here to-night that the
President has made up his mind to ap-
point former Governor Montague, of
Virginia, to a place on the Board of
General Appraisers in the customs office
of New York.

It is said that Mr. Montague is to suc-
ceed Henderson H. Somerville, born in
Virginia, but appointed to the board
from Alabama. Mr. Somerville was on
the supreme bench of Alabama, and was
appointed during Mr. Cleveland's first
term.

A man close to President Roosevelt said
to-night that the President entertained
a strong admiration for Mr. Montague,
whom he appointed one of the American
delegates to the Pan-American Confer-
ence at Rio Janeiro last summer.

Admires Ex-Governor.

This informant also states that Presi-
dent Roosevelt considered Governor Mon-
tagne's name in connection with an ap-
pointment to the Interstate Commerce
Commission last year, when the commis-
sion was being reorganized under the
provisions of the rule bill.

"I know the President is an admirer
of Mr. Montague," said the man quoted.
"I also know that there is a very strong
probability, to put it most mildly, that Mr.
Roosevelt will appoint the Virginian to
the position in New York."

There are nine general appraisers in the
New York Custom House. Those who
are now serving come from various
States—three from New York, one from
Alabama, and one each from California,
New Jersey, Minnesota, Maine, and Mary-
land. The salary attached to the posi-
tion of general appraiser is \$7,000 a year.

Governor Montague said last night that
the position had not been offered him
by the President, and that he knew nothing
of the matter.

SHOT AND ROBBED, AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION

BRISTOL, TENN., February 7.—Abra-
ham Henderson, colored, was brought
here to-day from Stonega, Va., in a
critical condition from a bullet wound
in the lung. He stated that he was shot
by Jim Carter, a desperate negro, who
afterwards robbed him of money, and
fled.

MRS. THAW TELLS OF THE TRAGEDY IN HER YOUNG LIFE FAR WORSE THAN DEATH

Prisoner's Wife Lays Bare the Horrible Story
of Her Life To Save Her Husband,
Who Is Now On Trial.

MAKES PROFOUND IMPRESSION ON JURY AND SPECTATORS

With Choking Voice and Tears Flowing, Young Wife Tells of
Treatment By Stanford White, Who Had Offered to Watch
Over Her in the Absence of Her Mother, Whom
He Had Induced To Take a Trip.

BY HOMER DAVENPORT.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 7.—I have been to a good many trials where
the penalty was death—trials that involve men, from Captain Dreyfus
down to the lowest murderer.

I have heard passages of evidence in some of those trials that moved
one's emotion, but I have never seen a court-room so universally affected
as was the court-room this morning, when Evelyn Nesbit Thaw told
of the tragedy of Madison Square Garden Tower; not of the tragedy of the
Roof Garden, but of a colder-blooded plot that took place in the tower,
where she, a little girl of sixteen years, in short dresses, was enticed by
a sly, smiling man; not a fool that had stumbled onto his prey, but a
well-bred, cultured, talented man.

I thought as Evelyn Nesbit Thaw took the stand, with her veil lifted,
how beautiful such a girl could be if she had been properly protected at
home. Her hair was as carefully unkempt as a schoolgirl's that had
ramped across some field in heavy dew going to a country school.

Looked Seventeen and Voice Was Sweet.

She didn't look over seventeen, and her voice was as sweet as a voice
could be. Her eyes quickened and her speech trembled a little as she
told of seeing her husband shoot Stanford White.

And the judge even leaned heavily on his left elbow to catch her
words, when, at the request of Mr. Delmas, she repeated the story she
had told Harry Thaw in Paris—the reasons she gave when she refused
his first offer of marriage.

If I am correct in my impressions, Evelyn Nesbit was a chorus girl
and a dancer. She never had speaking parts, and the story she told
sounded like a true story. I doubt if any girl could have memorized such
a story, so straightforward and with such a ring of sincerity did she speak.
If its dramatic ghostliness could have been heard by all young girls of the
world, it would have saved many an innocent life. For a man to sit and
listen to the story of such an elaborate trap was enough to make you
realize that after all mankind is the lowest animal alive, owing to his
ability to deceive.

Benevolent Man Who Was Beast of Prey.

When this pale little girl told of the beautiful swings where Stanford
White swung them till their dainty young feet pierced a large Japanese
umbrella hung on the ceiling, you could almost imagine this fine benevo-
lent man, who had taken so much fatherly interest in young girls de-
caying teeth, fixing up a tower where they could come and enjoy their
dolls and play keep-house, as a kind-hearted gentleman whose delight
was to amuse and educate the young. If such had been the case, what
a beautiful monument the Tower of Madison Square Garden would be
to point out to visitors to the city.

"There is where Stanford White entertained little children as he would
if they were his own daughters; where he had swings and children's
dinners and entertainments."

Poor Girl's Story Carried Conviction.

But that was not true. Instead, the story of this poorly-advised little
girl will be believed by every soul that heard it, and when you have heard
it and then look at that tower, you will shudder.

You will almost believe that Stanford White built it for the purpose
for which he used it, and little wonder that his crime overtook him in
the very building he had planned.

I had given my seat at the reporters' table to another writer, and
was back among some strong, mature men when this frail girl told her
story.

These men shuddered and grew pale.

I saw tears glistening in Judge Fitzgerald's eyes that he didn't dare
wipe away.

Distinguished women writers that I have seen at almost every great
criminal trial in recent years were almost crying aloud.

Mr. Jarman was as pale and nervous as was Harry Thaw on the first
day of the trial.

Never was such a moment in a court-room.

Bailiffs tried not to show emotion, but did, and while every eye was
wet, a stern, white-haired, well-groomed man, sitting next to me, leaned
over and, with a trembling whisper, said: "I believe that story is true."

PRISONER'S WIFE HOLDS COURT SPELLBOUND BY PITEOUS STORY

NEW YORK, February 7.—Evelyn Nes-
bit Thaw told her story to-day.

To save the life of her husband,
charged with murder, she bared to the
world the innermost secrets of her soul,
a portrayal for which a sanctuary were
a more fitting place than the crowded,
gaping court-room.

It was the same story she told Harry
Thaw in Paris in 1903, when he asked her
to become his wife, the confession of one
who felt there was an insurmountable
barrier to her ever becoming the bride
of the man she loved.

In the big witness chair she appeared
but a slip of a girl, and she told the
pitiful story of her eventful young life
in a frank, girlish way.

When tears came unbidden to her big
brown eyes and slowly trickled their way
down scarlet cheeks she strove in vain
to keep them back.

She forced the words
From Trembling Lips.

Though the lump in her throat at
times seemed about to smother her,
and by a marvelous display of cour-
age, which took her willingly to her
staggering ordeal, she shook off a de-
pression which once threatened to de-
stroy an absolute collapse.

As the young wife unfolded the
narrative of her girlhood, and told the
early struggles of herself and mother
to keep body and soul together, of
how gaunt poverty stood over at the
door, and how she finally was able
to earn a livelihood by posing for photo-
graphers and artists, she won the sym-
pathy of the throng, which
filled every available space in the
big court-room.

Then came the relation of the wreck
of that girlhood at sixteen years of
age.

It was the story of her meeting
with Stanford White, the story of the
sumptuous studio apartment, whose
luxurious furnishings, within of a
valuable carved swing in a white on-
could swing until slipped toes crashed.

Carried by Girl Friend

To Dingy-Looking Building.

"When she came for me in the hall."